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SUBJ: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY EXHIBIT BROCHURE

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1. PAO RAISED PROBLEM LIMITATION BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION
WITH DEPSECINFO CUDINA NOVEMBER 5, SINCE HIS OFFICE
RESPONSIBLE FORWARDING CLEARANCE REQUESTS TO SECINT. ALSO
REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH FSFA ZUPAN WHO NOT AVAILABLE
NOVEMBER 5.

2. IN REPRESENTATION STATED EMBASSY/STATE/USIA PERPLEXED
BY LIMITATION, VIEW FACT BROCURE TEXT ADDED IMPORTANT
RELEVANT INFORMATION TO EXHIBIT CONTENT , HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED
IN THOUSANDS OF COPIES IN COUNTRIES WHERE EXHIBIT SHOWN, AND
MAJOR ARTICLE, "EDUCATION ENTERS MACHINE AGE", HAD BEEN
BASIS OF BROCHURE DISTRIBUTED 1971 AT ZAGREB FAIR IN
100,000 COPIES. ADDED THAT RESTRICTUIONS ON DISSEMINATION
INFORMATION ALWAYS CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

3. LETTER EXPRESSING CONCERN AT LIMITATION AND REQUESTING
AUTHORIZATION OF DISTRIBUTION SARAJEVO AND LJUBLJANA AT LEAST
IN NUMBER ORIGINALLY REQUESTED PRESENTED TO CUDINA, WHO
RESPONDED CLEARANCE NOT REPONSIBILITY SECINFO, BUT WOULD
FORWARD APPEAL TO SECINT FOR CONSIDERATION. SAID, WHILE COULD
NOT PREDICT OUTCOME, RESTRICTION DIRECTED AT "FOLLOW OF PROPAGANDA
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MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED IN YUGOSLAVIA IN RECENT TIMES." ADDED

THAT RULING DID NOT APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO US, BUT RATHER TO ALL COUNTRIES. SAID IF PROBLEM HAD EXISTED RE BROCHURE CONTENT AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRIBUTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GRANTED AT ALL. PROBLEM WAS SIZE OF DISTRIBUTION REQUESTED.

4. CUDINA CLOSED WITH STATEMENT THAT, IN HIS OPINION, RESTRICTION PROVIDED "NO REASON TO DRAMATIZE SITUATION OR TO DRAW FALSE

CONCLUSIONS." PAO REITERATED OPINION THAT RESTRICTIONS ON DISSEMINATION INFORMATION ALWASY UNFORTUNATE. SAID PLANNED TO RAISE WITH FSFA AS WELL, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT APPROVAL FOR LARGER DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING PRIOR TO OPENIN IN SARAJEVO.

5. UNDER PRESSUR TO JUSTIFY ACTION, CUDINA STATED AS END OF SESSION THAT NEW LIMITATION ON DISTRIBUTION OF "PROPAGANDA MATERIALS" WAS "FOR INTERNAL REASONS WHICH HE NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS."

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